COVID-19: Guidance for Employee Screening from the Wyoming Department of Health

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Background

Modified public health orders designed to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus take effect May 1, 2020. Some changes and exceptions in the modified orders include recommendations for screening employees for potential illness at various types of businesses. Questions regarding enforcement and interpretation of closure orders can be directed to local county public health offices.

Copies of current statewide public health orders can be found at: https://covid19.wyo.gov/

General Guidance

The Wyoming Department of Health recommends the following COVID-19 illness screening questions for businesses to use with employees:

Do you currently have any of the following:

- Fever (100.4 Fahrenheit or higher) or feeling feverish?
- Chills?
- A new or worsening cough not caused by another health condition?
- New or worsening difficulty breathing not caused by another health condition?
- Sore throat?
- New or worsening muscle aches not caused by another health condition?
- New or worsening headache that is not normal for you and not caused by another health condition?
- New loss of sense of taste or smell?

In the last two weeks, have you had close contact (within 6 feet for at least 10 minutes) with anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19?

If the answers to any of these questions is "yes," then the employee should be sent home and directed to contact a healthcare provider.

More resources from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for businesses and employers can be found at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/businesses-employers.html.

For more information about the COVID-19 pandemic please visit: <u>health.wyo.gov</u> or <u>cdc.gov</u>.

